

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1-5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended)

A computer implemented method for transliterating languages in a computing device comprising:

receiving a text string in a first alphabet of a first language on an input of the computing device;

converting the text string to a phonetic string in a second alphabet of an intermediary language, based on a first predefined phonetic mapping scheme between the first alphabet and the second alphabet;

converting the phonetic string into a third alphabet of a second language, based on a second predefined phonetic mapping scheme between the second alphabet and the third alphabet; and

~~displaying a system level menu bar with menu items, the menu items including an option to transliterating[[e]] the text string, wherein the converting steps are initiated by selecting the transliterate option.~~

7. (Cancelled).

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8. (Original)

The method of claim 6 wherein the first language is a western language and the second language is an Indic language.

9. (Original)

The method of claim 6 wherein the first language is an Indic language and the second language is another Indic language.

10. (Original)

The method of claim 6 further comprising displaying the converted phonetic string on an output device.

11-15. (Cancelled).

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16. (Currently Amended)

A computer readable storage medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon that when executed cause a computing device to perform a method for transliterating languages in the computing device comprising:

receiving a text string in a first alphabet of a first language on an input of the computing device;

converting the text string to a phonetic string in a second alphabet of an intermediary language, based on a first predefined phonetic mapping scheme between the first alphabet and the second alphabet;

converting the phonetic string into a third alphabet of a second language, based on a second predefined phonetic mapping scheme between the second alphabet and the third alphabet; and

~~displaying a system-level menu bar with menu items, the menu items including an option to transliterating[[e]] the text string, wherein the converting steps are initiated by selecting the transliterate option.~~

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Original)

The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein the first language is a western language and the second language is an Indic language.

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19. (Original)

The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein the first language is an Indic language and the second language is another Indic language.

20. (Original)

The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising displaying the converted phonetic string on an output device.

21–24. (Cancelled).

25. (New).

The computer implemented method of claim 6, further comprising:

transmitting the converted phonetic string to a remote processing device.

26. (New).

The computer implemented method of claim 16, further comprising:

transmitting the converted phonetic string to a remote processing device.

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